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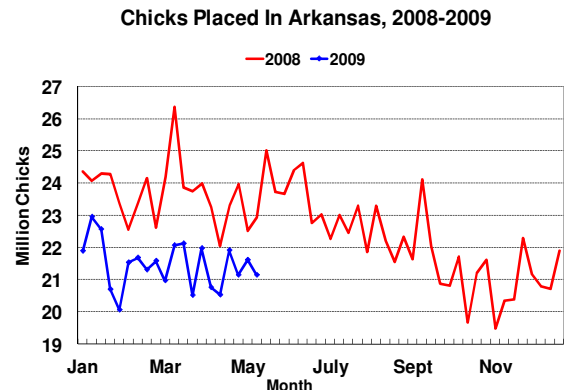
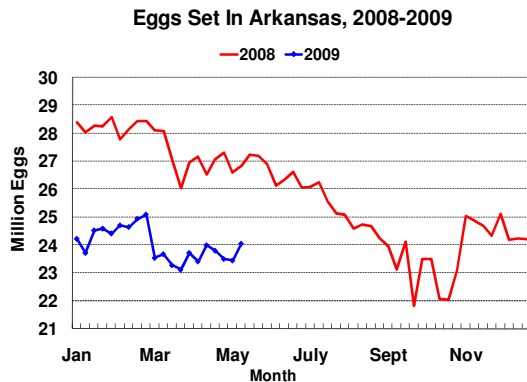


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.2 million during the week ending May 16, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 16, 2009, down 10 percent from the same period last year but up 3 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 18, 2009 - May 16, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	16-May	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	16-May
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,935	29,465 *	29,941	29,705	29,867	20,373 *	19,724 *	20,563	21,024	20,858
Arkansas	23,995	23,797 *	23,501	23,447 *	24,049	20,538	21,929	21,156	21,626 *	21,157
Delaware	3,585	3,529	3,615	3,579	3,760	4,370	4,758	5,033	4,850	5,346
Florida	991	991	994	995	992	726	685	695	821	870
Georgia	31,283	30,878 *	31,890	31,659 *	32,085	26,052	27,560	27,251	25,974 *	25,848
Kentucky	7,704 *	7,552 *	7,699	7,739	7,589	5,970 *	5,869 *	6,067	6,769 *	5,968
Louisiana	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	1,901	1,896	1,902	1,888	1,902
Maryland	9,160	8,963	8,799	8,700	8,803	6,661	5,637	6,088	6,451	5,834
Mississippi	17,622	17,849 *	17,884 *	17,996 *	18,587	16,491	16,899	16,693	16,072	16,311
N. Carolina	18,936	18,449 *	18,708	18,831 *	18,388	15,666	15,836	15,639	15,659	15,214
Oklahoma	6,921	7,047 *	6,850	6,779	6,667	4,530	4,601	4,931	4,417	4,701
Pennsylvania	3,952	4,061	3,805	4,085 *	3,896	2,879	3,168	3,105	3,115 *	3,161
S. Carolina	5,538	5,636	5,714	5,905	5,629	4,728	4,257	4,768	5,862	5,019
Texas	15,351	14,980	14,500	15,134	15,363	13,415	13,341	13,001	13,340	12,991
Virginia	6,179	6,236	6,283	6,381 *	6,401	4,987	5,475	4,562	4,996	5,129
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,555 *	19,623 *	19,319 *	19,870 *	19,821	17,339 *	17,736 *	16,713 *	16,595 *	17,370
19 State Total	202,937 *	201,286 *	201,732 *	203,035 *	204,127	166,626 *	169,371 *	168,167 *	169,459 *	167,679
Prev. Year Total	215,758	214,262	214,943	215,106	218,063	177,032	178,663	178,080	177,253	175,827
% of Prev. Year	94	94	94	94	94	94	95	94	96	95

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 16, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 16, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 16, 2009 were 3.36 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.